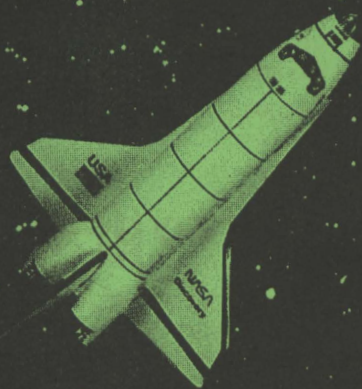


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# EDITORIAL

Thirty years ago, a report came from an aboriginal community concerning a mystery object that came down from the sky.

Four members of the Royal Victorian Aero Club, at Moorabbin, flew to the airstrip near the community to investigate the incident.

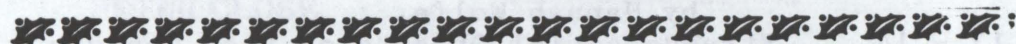
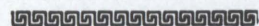
The statement was described by the elder as "a star-like object which descended to the ground where it rested for a period of time after which it returned to the other stars".

The pilots accompanied the elder to where the "star sat on the ground" and found stones within a 10 metre circle, coated with a powdered substance.

Samples were taken to a laboratory in Melbourne where an extensive analysis failed to identify the substance.

VUFORS is taking increasing interest in reports from aborigines and has the co-operation of Hannah Wolfe, who is a teacher and a member of the Anthropological Society of Western Australia, and has worked in remote aboriginal communities for many years.

In this edition we are pleased to introduce her with her first contribution to the Bulletin entitled "Trip to the Northern Territory", as well as a submission on recent reports from Western Australia.



THE COMMITTEE OF VUFORS DESIRES TO THANK OUR MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONSTANT SUPPORT AND TO THOSE WHO HAVE FORWARDED PRESS CUTTINGS AND UFO REPORTS, FROM AROUND THE WORLD. WE ALSO THANK RECIPROCAL ORGANISATIONS FROM THE MANY COUNTRIES WHO GRANT US PERMISSION TO USE THEIR MATERIAL (WITH CREDITS). THIS ENABLES US TO GIVE OUR READERS A WIDER COVERAGE OF THE UFO SUBJECT.

AS THIS IS THE LAST BULLETIN FOR THE YEAR, WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF WISHING OUR READERS A VERY HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SAFE FESTIVE SEASON.



# ON THE UFO TRAIL

Paul Norman © 1992

Members and subscribers who did not attend our September meeting missed out on another interesting speaker.

He was Graham Henly, the truck driver, who was a few kilometers ahead of the Knowles Family, when they encountered an unidentified flying object on January 20, 1988.

Mr. Henly gave us additional details of which we were not aware, including a major piece in the puzzle, which was the near collision narrowly avoided, when Shaun Knowles swerved to get around the object sitting in the road. In doing so, he barely missed the oncoming car and caravan.

Graham said about 10 minutes before the encounter, he met the car and caravan travelling towards the west. Readers will recall that the truck driver saw the object in his rear vision mirror. We were also notified of another truck driver who was further west of the Knowles car, who too, saw a pear-shaped object at the same time of the family's encounter.

VUFORS has been fortunate over the years with personal contacts and witnesses of outstanding events and encounters. One of the most recent was the renewed acquaintance with Dewey Fournet, the former Pentagon liaison officer for the USAF's official UFO research department, Project Blue Book.

He was involved with the major radar/visual period of UFO activity, when the mystery objects violated the Air Space around Washington, DC, during July 1952. The objects have never been identified.

Sightings had been on the increase for several weeks. Reports were being recorded by air line pilots flying in and out of Washington and from military pilots as well.

It was noted that many of these erratic moving lights were amber-colored, in fact, there were so many of these lights that a high ranking scientist predicted that the area was a 'powder keg' of UFO's. He was correct. On the night of July, 'the keg blew'. The first one of the highly publicized Washington sightings started according to the Civil Aviation logbook at the airport at 11.40 pm. When two radars at National Airport picked up eight unidentified targets east and south of Andrews Air Force Base. The targets were not airplanes, because they would fly slowly at 100 to 130 miles an hour, then suddenly accelerate to fantastically high speeds and leave the area.

During the night the crews of several airliners saw mysterious lights in the same locations that the radars showed the targets. Tower operators also saw lights and jet fighters were brought in to chase the unknowns.

Major Fournet summoned Captain Ruppelt to his Pentagon office for a briefing of the activity.

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An officer started by telling about the location of the radars involved. Washington National Airport, located about three miles from the heart of the City had two radars. One was long range radar in the Air Route Traffic Control Section while the other, a shorter-range radar was housed in the Constrol Tower at National airport, and used to control aircraft in the immediate vicinity of the airport. A nearby military base (Andrews AF Base) also had radar.

When a new shift took over at the Traffic Control Radar Room at National Airport, the Air Traffic was light so only one man was watching the radar scope.

At 11.40 pm. the man watching the scope, noticed a group of seven targets appear, he knew from their position on the scope, that they were just east and a little south of Andrews Air Force Base. The targets looked like a formation of slow airplanes, but no formations were due in the area. Suddenly the objects streaked out of range. The man then yelled for the senior controller who took one look at the scope and called in other men. They all agreed these were not airplanes.

The senior controller then called the control tower at the Andrews Air Force Base who reported that observers were also watching the objects.

From then on the objects became more active. At one stage, one pilot was surrounded by several objects. Tension increased. No one knew what to do. Finally, the objects flew away.

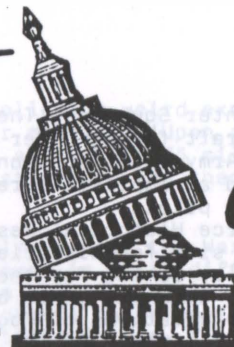
VUFORS has secured a video which highlights this dramawtic event in the history of UFOlogy and it will be shown at one of our meetings depending on availability of speakers and other priorities.

There have been two factions within US officialdom. One faction supports cover-up. The other faction is in favor of making cases public. Official UFO investigations were first carried out under the name Project SIGN. One of the first attempts at deception was to publically state that there would be no-further investigations because UFO's were nonsense. At the same time, investigations were continuing under Project GRUDGE in secrecy. This is all revealed in the documentary "UFO's"; so don't miss out on inside information, attend the meetings and support your Society.

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## FIRST OFFICIAL FOO-FIGHTER RECORDS DISCOVERED

In January 1992, CAUS launched an effort to locate documentation relevant to the Foo-Fighter phenomenon of World War 2. This has led to the first release of unit records giving specifics on these incidents.

For those unfamiliar with what Foo-Fighters were, we will explain. During the later part of World War 2 pilots on both the allied and axis sides reported seeing strange balls of light flying with them while they were engaged in bombing and air defense missions in the European and Pacific theaters. The balls were generally about a foot in diameter, bright, of varying colors and able to maneuver with ease in and about aircraft formations.

Word of the phenomenon leaked to the press in December 1944 and became widely known in America on January 2, 1945, through numerous newspaper reprints of a wire service story summarizing pilot descriptions of what they saw. In the press coverage it was assumed that the balls were Nazi secret weapons. However, they did not seem to affect aircraft in any way, except to be a nuisance. Reports persisted until the end of January 1945, when the activity abated, though not completely. Further mention of Foo-Fighters (which in fact was a nickname given to the strange balls by pilots of the 415th Night Fighter Squadron, based upon a frequent phrase used in the "Smokey Stover" comic strip of the day) disappeared from the press until December 1945, when the American Legion Magazine carried accounts by pilots of their experiences (see "The Foo Fighter Mystery" by Jo Chamberlin, American Legion Magazine, Dec. 1945). From then on the Foo-Fighter reports surfaced much after the fact in various UFO publications over the years.

Clues as to the existence of wartime records of the Foo-Fighters appeared in declassified Air Force Intelligence files from 1947 and 1952. As a result of UFO waves in those years several former bomber crew members had contacted the Air Force to advise them of their experiences with Foo-Fighters in the hope that this would somehow shed light on the flying saucers being sighted. One record, an April 23, 1952 letter from Lt. Col. W.W. Ottinger of the Directorate of Intelligence's Evaluation Division, said that an evaluation of Foo-Fighters was done at the end of the war. It was concluded that there was nothing to the phenomenon at all, though to this day the study has not been made public.

A majority of the published accounts of Foo-Fighters seemed to emanate

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from pilots of the 415th Night Fighter Squadron. The 415th's job was to intercept and destroy Nazi aircraft flying under the cover of night. The fighters would be directed by Army radar stations which tracked the enemy aircraft. The squadron logged an impressive record of kills through the skill and determination of its pilots.

Knowing that the U.S. Air Force Historical Research Center at Maxwell AFB, Alabama was a storage site for histories of old aircraft units, we had sent a detailed inquiry asking for the location of bombing mission reports, for definitions of acronyms given by witnesses attempting to direct Air Force Intelligence to citations of Foo-Fighter sightings, and of particular interest, the unit history of the 415th NFS.

Unfortunately, after telling us that a researcher would contact us in several months with results, a follow-up informed us that they didn't have the staff or the time to answer questions (some research center!). Nevertheless, we were given the number of a microfilm roll containing the 415th's unit history. Upon receiving it we soon learned that the Foo-Fighter sightings of the 415th were indeed documented, albeit briefly, by the squadron's historian.

We are concerned with two portions of the history - a unit summary, which gives an overview of the 415th's activities, and the "War Diary," which chronicled the day-by-day events. Both had been classified "Secret." Frame 1515 of the microfilm roll's summary touched upon the Foo-Fighters in this way:

"Another outstanding feature occurred late in October. While flying an intruder mission in the Rhine Valley, Capt. Edward Schlueter and Lt. Don Myers experienced contact with the first FooFighters, referred to as such by Lt. Myers for the lack of a better name and because of the eerie feeling it gave the crew. At first these two officers were taunted by their buddies and began to wonder if they had developed combat fatigue. However other crews began to report seeing FooFighters in the Rhine Valley at night, thus the FooFighters were definitely established as an existing phenomena."

A few remarks are needed here. The summary makes reference to Capt. Schlueter and Lt. Myers encountering a Foo Fighter in late October. But as we will see in the War Diary, the first report was in late November 1944 and no incident is listed for October. Also one sees reactions very much reminiscent of later flying saucer stories in that the witnesses were ridiculed and began to doubt themselves until others reported the same thing. The result in this case was that "Foo Fighters were definitely established as an existing phenomena."

On to the War Diary. The 415th operated under what must be regarded as stressful conditions. Certainly the stress from time to time had to be relieved. The 415th was no different than any other unit in this respect. A little insight into their pastimes is reflected in the War Diary entry for November 24, 1944:

"The Squadron had a dance at the Cafe du Lark. Both WACs (Women's Army Corp, Ed.) and French girls were invited. A gay time was had by all until the WACs left at 1100 hours and then a very gay time was enjoyed."

I hope the reader understands that "gay" had a different connotation then than it does now. Also, were WACs that bad or were French girls that much better?

Frame 1611 begins coverage of the first Foo Fighter incident from an intruder mission out of Longvic Air Base in France:

November 27 - "The following weird excerpt comes from Lt. Schlueter's report of an intruder mission: 'Upon returning to base saw a red light flying through area about 35 miles ENE of Pt. A. Came in to about 2000 feet off starboard and then it disappeared in a long red streak.'"

Comment: Interestingly, unless the War Diary omitted other incidents in late November, this account is quite different from the "first incident" reported in American Legion Magazine. This told of Schlueter and "Meiers" encountering eight to ten orange balls moving at terrific speed which disappeared, reappeared, stayed in view five minutes and then once again vanished.

About two weeks passed before the next encounter. This time the 415th had been moved to Ochey Air Base, France. Frame 1613 relates:

December 15 - "The following is an excerpt from the operations report: 'Saw a brilliant red light at 2000 feet going E at 200 MPH in the vicinity of Ernstein. Due to AI (Air Intercept radar) failure could not pick up contact but followed it by sight until it went out. Could not get close enough to identify object before it went out.'"

A few days later there was more:

December 18 - "I quote from the operations report: 'In Rastatt area sighted five or six red and green lights in a 'T' shape which followed A/C thru turns and closed to 1000 feet. Lights followed for several miles and then went out.' Our pilots have named these mysterious phenomena which they encounter over Germany at night 'Foo-Fighters.'"

The encounters continue on frame 1614:

December 23 - "More Foo-Fighters were in the air last night. The Ops report says: 'In vicinity of Hagenau saw 2 lights coming toward A/C from ground. After reaching the altitude of the A/C they leveled off and flew on tail of Beau (Beaufighter - their aircraft, Ed.) for 2 minutes and then peeled up and turned away. 8th mission - sighted 2 orange lights. One light sighted at 10,000 feet the other climbed until it disappeared.'"

December 24 - "The Foo-Fighters were active again according to the pilot's report: 'Observed a glowing, red object shooting straight up. It changed suddenly to a plan view of an A/C doing a wing-over and going into a dive and disappearing.'"

December 28 - "The Ops report says: '1st patrol saw 2 sets of 3 red and white lights. One appeared on port side, the other on starboard at 1000 to 2000 feet to rear and closing in. Beau peeled off and lights went out. Nothing on GCI scope at the time.' And then again: 'Observed lights suspended in air, moving slowly in no general direction and then disappeared. Lights were orange, and appeared singly and in pairs. These lights were observed 4 or 5 times throughout the period.'"

Comment: We can see how the level of activity escalated to such a point in December that it would be hard to keep a lid on the matter. Thus the leak and press coverage in January. The incidents of December 23-24



do agree with accounts in the American Legion Magazine article to the extent that the author must have seen the Ops report or War Diary without citing one or the other as a source, perhaps for security reasons. However, the aircraft occupants were named in the article but not in the War Diary.

A final entry in the 415th's War Diary appears on frame 1619:

January 30 - "Foo-Fighters were at it again last night. This is the operations report: 'Halfway between Wissenbourg and Langau sighted amber lights at 2000 feet. One light was 20 to 50 feet above the other and of about 30 seconds duration. Lights were about a foot in diameter, 1000 feet away and following Beaus. Lights disappeared when Beaus turned into them.'"

What were Foo-Fighters? Hallucinations? Alien ships? Natural phenomena? The official records do not suggest what they were except that they were no threat to the aircraft of either side.

On February 21, 1952, Air Force Intelligence received a letter from one Albert Rosenthal of Washington, D.C. (in CAUS files):

"During the winter of 1944-45 I was a fighter controller with the 64th Fighter Wing supporting the 7th Army in France and Germany. Flying under our control was the 415th Night Fighter Squadron, flying Beaufighters. When there was no enemy air activities, they would engage in intruder sweeps into southwestern Germany. We repeatedly received reports from the Beaufighter crews of similar phenomena, which they named 'foo-fighters.' At times they seemed to be associated with concentrated flak, and at other times were reported to explode when pursued. It was also asserted that they caused a slight response on A.I. radar."

"We never did solve the problem of what they were. Theories propounded included 'St Elmo's Fire' (a form of static electricity); German barrage balloons; meteors; and gremlins from the Black Forest nearby. And of course we suspected the possibility of some new secret weapon."

A previously unknown account has surfaced. Connecticut resident Louis Kiss has advised CAUS of his own experience with Foo-Fighters. Kiss, then a Staff Sergeant, was a tail gunner on the "Phyllis Marie," a B-17 bomber of the 390th Bombardment Group, 3rd Division of the 8th Air Force.

In late 1943, while on a daylight mission over central Germany, Kiss observed an odd-looking sphere approach the B-17 from behind and below. He said it was about the size of a basketball and of a shimmering gold color. The ball reached the aircraft and hovered just above one wing after slowly moving from the rear. Soon it passed over the top of the aircraft to the other wing where it again hovered. Sgt. Kiss was tempted to shoot at it with his machine gun but, considering the proximity of the ball to the B-17's gas tank, he thought better of it.

As Kiss watched, the ball moved toward the rear again, became caught in the B-17's backwash and rapidly disappeared into the remainder of the B-17 formation. He never knew if anyone else in the group had seen the ball but he did officially report it to his intelligence officer. Curiously, Kiss had never heard of Foo-Fighters until we had mentioned them to him. His report does parallel several sources. The War Diary of the 415th for December 23 told of Foo-Fighters climbing from below, much the same as Kiss described. And the American Legion Magazine article

told of a daylight sighting by a P-47 pilot of a "gold-colored ball with a metallic finish," again something reported by Kiss.

If one has questions about the credibility of Mr Kiss, we have included an extract from the 390th Veterans Association Foundation Newsletter, Fall-Winter 1991, attesting to his excellence as a combat flyer.

We hope that this is just the beginning of a flow of inform-

ation on Foo-Fighters. It was a peculiar footnote to World War 2 to say the least and far too little has been available on it.

Based upon the reports we have seen, we are inclined to think that Foo-Fighters were some form of rare electrical phenomenon related to ball lightning. How they form in clear air is not understood. Odd as well is the lack of reports in winters prior to 1944-45, with a few

occasional exceptions. Accessing new information from historical files may reveal more reports than we realized existed. Could, for example, have Foo-Fighters been related to possible earthquake activity in southwestern Germany during this period with the balls of electrical energy having been attracted to the large formations of fighters and bombers overflying the territory? Remember the reports of the balls flying up from the ground and the fact that there is no evidence that either side in the war had any such devices in their arsenals?

We will update this story as it develops. [REDACTED]

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## United pilots report UFO, aviation magazine says

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- A United Airlines jumbo jet headed for London reported a close encounter with an unidentified aircraft that passed at supersonic speed beneath the 747, an aviation industry magazine said.

The Air Line Pilots Association is investigating the report filed by the pilot and co-pilot of United Flight 934 of Aug. 5 from Los Angeles International Airport, Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine said.

Los Angeles air traffic controllers said they did not spot the craft on radar, the magazine said. The United Airlines crew reported it passed less than 1,000 feet below the 747.

The pilots told the magazine they sighted the craft at 23,000 feet near George Air Force Base, about 50 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

Nearby Edwards AFB radar data and flight activity showed no military craft in the area at the time. Aviation Week said.

United's pilots said the dark-colored craft was about the size of a jet fighter, with a fuselage similar to an SR-71 spy plane, except the edges of the fuselage were rounded instead of sharp. They said it lacked wings but had a tail of sorts.

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# UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS: THE MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE

*UFO Potpourri No. 366*

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Late in 1978, prominent UFO researchers approached the United Nations with the suggestion to set up some type of international clearing house whereby investigators and researchers would be able to coordinate on an international level scientific research into unidentified flying objects, and to inform the Secretary-General of the observations, research, and evaluation of such activities. The UN General Assembly responded favorably by adopting Decision 33/426. Unfortunately, nothing was done to bring the decision to fruition and it lies dormant to this very day.

On the other hand, UFO activity is anything but dormant. Sightings continue unabated throughout the world. And as one would expect, private non-governmental UFO organizations have grown to fill the void. Some examples are: the Mutual UFO Network, the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, the Australian Centre for UFO Studies, the Joint USA-CIS Aerial Anomaly Federation, the British UFO Research Association, and a host of other fine organizations. While these groups are functioning very well and are respected for their work, the UN agency is sorely missed.

The UFO problem touches the lives of so many people and engenders puzzlement, fear, and at times, harm among them. Therefore, it is of significant scientific and technological interest and carries with it many implications of the existence of intelligences other than our own.

The evidence is both intriguing and frightening. Reports of UFO activity describe incidents where the UFOs fly circles around high performance jet aircraft, shut down

sophisticated electronic systems, black-out electrical power systems, stop automobiles, upset animals, damage plants, and cause medical injuries to humans. All the while the skeptics are saying that nothing is going on and try to stop free inquiry on the subject. They say it is all a case of mistaken observations, a view not shared by the victims of these encounters.

MUFON has an Advisory Board of 173 Consultants, holding doctorates in their educational fields of expertise, and 154 Research Specialists with Masters degrees in fields applicable to UFO research, that disagree with the skeptics and have evidence to prove it. Other private organizations have similar boards and are equally convinced of the importance of the evidence.

Noted scientist Dr. Jacques Vallee, writing in the MUFON 1992 Symposium Proceedings, said "As a scientist I have come to the conclusion that a genuine UFO phenomenon exists. It is physical and it is unexplained. Therefore I continue to investigate the sightings in the field and I claim that they represent an opportunity and a challenge to science. I speculate, although I cannot prove, that a non-human form of intelligence is involved."

Retired NASA scientist Dr. Richard Haines, writing in the same publication, said: "Reports of anomalous aerial objects appearing in the atmosphere continue to be made by pilots of almost every airline and air force of the world in addition to private and experimental test pilots." Dr. Haines has a personal collection of almost 3,600 pilot sightings and that collection is growing rapidly.

In his paper for the 1992 MUFON Symposium, Russian Cosmonaut Pavel Popovich said: "The influence the UFO has on people, as well as the effects it produces, should become the items of special research. The UFO's interaction with the environment, the behavior that it motivates, and its genesis, also present interesting areas for concentrated study."

Father of the German V-2 rocket, Professor Hermann Oberth was quoted as saying: "I am most satisfied by the hypothesis that we are dealing with flying machines. So far, other plausible explanations have not been found. If we accept this as a working hypothesis we also have to assume that these flying machines are not built by human beings. We cannot produce machines that fly as UFOs do - for example, at speeds of more than 42,000 miles per hour as measured by radar."

In his continual pursuit for the application of the scientific method to the UFO problem, the world's foremost UFO expert Dr. J. Allen Hynek enabled us all to expand our scientific horizons when he said: "I have begun to feel that there is a tendency in the 20th-century science to forget that there will be a 21st-century science, and indeed, a 30th-century science, from which vantage points our knowledge of the universe may appear quite different. We suffer, perhaps, from temporal provincialism, a form of arrogance that has always irritated posterity. He made that statement in 1966 and it is as important today than it was then.

We are faced with one of the most important issues of the century, the scientific study of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). Resolution of this enigma will affect the future of the majority of the inhabitants living on Planet Earth. That is why it is important for the one organization representing all the citizens of the world, the United Nations, to aggressively implement its Decision 33/426 of December 18, 1978, which called for the "Establishment

of an agency or a department of the United Nations for undertaking, coordinating, and disseminating the results of research into unidentified flying objects and related phenomena."

I am pleased to represent the Mutual UFO Network, Inc., headquartered in Seguin, Texas, but worldwide in scope, in urging the United Nations to take the next important step in resolving this problem by implementing the agency authorized by Decision 33/426.

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# TRIP TO THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Hannah Wolfe

In the September issue of the Australian UFO Bulletin, Paul Norman's "On the UFO Trail" contains a report about a sighting over an Aboriginal community in the Northern Territory. The community concerned lives on one of the islands off Arnhem Land. Not surprisingly, this was a report that Paul decided must be investigated and accordingly he organised to do so.

Having worked with Aboriginal people over a period of many years I was also keen to follow up the report. From talking with the people and looking at their art I had previously come to the conclusion that over the tens of thousands of years they have lived in Australia, Aboriginal people are likely to have been visited by extra-terrestrials. A reflection of these possible encounters can be seen in their culture.

A fairly well-known example of this is the Wandjina figures of the Kimberley region. These figures, sometimes bigger than life-size, are painted on rock walls. The Wandjinas are said to be spirits who came out of the clouds and are able to control lightning. The paintings picture them looking like extra-terrestrial travellers dressed in space suits, often with radiating lines or rays emanating from their heads.

From a more southern area of Australia an ancient Aboriginal story tells of a man who came from the moon and eventually returned to

the sky. On earth he lived in a cave. A faded painting on the wall of the cave where he lived depicts a circular object with rays coming out from one side.

Some of the Aboriginal art forms cannot be looked at or reproduced by us. They are only to be seen by the old men, the Elders who are the custodians. These representations are respected

as sacred and secret, an important part of a very spiritual culture.

Aboriginal people are well aware of what we term as "unidentified flying objects". From the snippets of reports that we have heard in the Territory, some people may have experienced encounters that have left them fearful. The Aboriginal lifestyle is an outdoor one and the people frequently do not have the same sort of secure housing that whites enjoy. So it is not surprising if the sight of UFOs hovering above a community causes concern.

Paul's article relates that a silver elongated shaped object hovered above a community, departing only when an aircraft arrived. We looked

forward to talking to the people about their experience but were disappointed to find that we were not to be permitted to visit the community at this time. The reason was not explained to us by the administrative officers.

We were not at a loss but set out again. After travelling east across Kakadu National Park we



A Wandjina Figure

continued

## Trip to the Northern Territory, (cont'd)

were at the border of Arnhem Land. Do these ancient rocks, dignified and majestic, perhaps hold secrets of momentous events in the life of humankind from the long distant past I wondered.

Early in the morning I walked down to the river. A small group of Aboriginal people sat there and welcomed me to talk to them. Paul had brought photographs of UFOs and ground circles from different parts of the world including Australia. These I showed to the people and they were very interested.

One young man said he had seen a television programme on the subject. The old man present waited for the younger people to have their say as some were boisterous and noisy. Then he took me aside and asked me to show him the photographs again. If he had an intention of telling me about sightings there was no time for it. A white ranger arrived ordering the people to pick up their things and move. He seemed very surprised to see me talking to the people, went off and returned a few minutes later with more rangers in another vehicle. The people prepared to move away as instructed.

Later in the day I talked with an important local Aboriginal Elder, Joseph. He talked about the dangers both to his people and to the earth itself, caused by uranium mining in the area. Their knowledge of what they call the "sickness country" goes back far beyond the white man's mining. They fear sickness and death will result from such massive disturbance of the earth.

I showed the photographs of flying objects to Joseph. He was familiar with the idea of UFOs and had himself seen strange lights moving in the sky at night. Joseph informed me of a community to the south-west who had experienced an encounter with a UFO which caused them to run. Then, with deep concern and sadness in his voice he told me that in yet another place aliens had abducted a two-year-old child. The child had not been returned.

Travelling further south we came to the community Joseph had mentioned, again, on a river and isolated. Talking with a group of people I quickly found a man who had been witness to the landing of an object. This encounter had occurred years ago when Steven was a boy on a station in the area. From his account the aliens had wanted to abduct a woman and made their intention known to her telepathically. The station manager had come out with a gun and the craft left without the woman, leaving a circle on the ground which Steven said could be seen to this day. Investigations are continuing on this story.

Distances are long in the Territory and our time there was coming to an end. We had to leave but the research continues. The talks with Aboriginal residents had confirmed our belief that sightings of UFOs and alien encounters are not culturally confined. They happen for all nationalities and all over the world.

EXPRESS-NEWS, San Antonio, TX - June 23, 1992

## Strange aerial object stirs national interest

On March 29, 1897, Robert Hubbard of Sioux City, Iowa, was nearly killed when a mysterious aerial object with "glowing red lights" snagged him from his bicycle and dragged him along the ground for several hundred feet.

When Hubbard's ordeal — which occurred six years before Orville and Wilbur Wright's successful flight at Kitty Hawk — was reported in the national press, it caused quite a stir. The result was a rash of similar incidents involving strange aircraft that filled newspapers for weeks to come.

On April 1, for example, three days after the Hubbard story broke, hundreds of people in Kansas City, Kan., watched spellbound while a brightly-lit, cigar-shaped airship hovered over the city. According to local accounts, strange voices and crackling noises were heard emanating from the strange aircraft.



E. Randall Floyd

Southern Mysteries

Throughout the month of April, tens of thousands of Americans from California and Texas to Alabama and West Virginia told of terrifying encounters with 'great airships' piloted by occupants 'not of this earth.'

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## Terrifying encounters

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In nearly every case, the airship was described as "cigar shaped" with beams of glowing red lights fanning out underneath.

One of the strangest stories came from LeRoy, Kan. On the morning of April 21, farmer Alexander Hamilton was awakened by a strange, whirling sound out in the pasture.

Thinking his cattle might be in trouble, Hamilton raced outside only to discover a "glowing, strange-shaped craft" trying to steal a cow by hoisting it up with a rope.

Earlier, on April 14, a series of landings was reported in Iowa. The Cedar Rapids Evening Gazette reported that a "giant, cigar-shaped" object landed on the Union Station in the "wee morning" hours and that several local citizens were taken on board.

The next day a similar object "came to rest" on the Waterloo, Iowa fairground, according to the local newspaper. While dozens of curious onlookers gawked, one of the vessel's occupants reportedly went to the police station to seek protection from the crowd.

## Several sightings

Several sightings were reported on April 16. Two men from Rhome, Texas, said they saw a giant cigar heading west at 150 mph. The same day, the Fort Worth Register reported that a man traveling near Cisco, Texas saw an airship crash into a field.

According to the Register, several local citizens helped repair the downed aircraft, then watched it roar away.

In Paris, Texas, a night watchman said he saw a cigar-shaped craft that measured 200 feet in length and had several large wings. Later, in Farmersville, Texas, several people said they heard the crew of an airship singing hymns.

## Bizarre encounter

Another bizarre encounter in Texas came on April 17 when a large airship came in low and buzzed the town of Aurora. The ship then continued north where it finally struck a windmill on the farm of a Judge Proctor and exploded.

People rushed to the scene of the crash and discovered the badly-mangled body of the pilot.

"He was not of this earth," said T.J. Weems, a Signal Corps officer who offered the astonishing speculation that the dead pilot was a Martian.

The next day the "Martian" was given a Christian burial.

On April 19 other airships were spotted near Sisterville, W. Va., and El Paso. On both occasions multicolored lights flashed from portholes and strange voices were heard talking inside the ships.

Stories about the mysterious aircraft continued unabated in the months to come, as newspapers competed to come up with the wildest accounts. Then, as suddenly and mysteriously as they had appeared, the airships disappeared.

The whole airship excitement was forgotten until the 1960s when researchers interested in UFOs began rummaging through old newspapers and came up with the original stories.

What were they? Where did they come from? Even today, investigators aren't really sure, though early rumors linked them to an unknown scientist involved with secret aircraft testing.

There is good reason to suspect that some of the stories were deliberate hoaxes, spread by over-imaginative telegraph operators who reported many of the sightings, as well as newspaper reporters themselves.

# UFO AFRINEWS

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Nº 6 - JULY, 1992

## NEWS FROM AFRICA

Case 47: 'Rhoda', a beautiful and talented artist, had the following story to tell :-

In 1975, towards Christmas (exact date uncertain), it was early evening - possibly between 7 and 8 pm - and I drove to the top of a hill in the south of Johannesburg with a friend. We had something to discuss and were busy talking when I suddenly noticed a very bright light above us.

At first I thought it was a street light, but it was far too bright and too high up for that. Also, there were no street lights in the area. We next considered if it could be a very bright star, but felt it was too close to us for that, as it was hovering above us.

While this bright light was shining, I could see no outline of a craft. It was only when this light dimmed that the object became visible.

There was no loud sound, but - and I cannot swear to this - a barely audible hum or whine could be heard. It might have been a broken sound, but my recollection is that it was constant. Suddenly, the light started to diminish and appeared to recede; it actually felt eerie. We then saw an enormous craft above us although the distance was difficult to judge at night. It started to move away and my companion urged me to follow it along the road. I did this until it gathered speed and shot off at a 30°-45° angle at an unbelievable speed. (As I was on top of a hill, it was difficult to assess the exact angle.)

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## NEWS FROM AFRICA (cont'd)

It was turning all the time, not terribly fast at first, then gathered momentum. I felt the object was ponderous, heavy. I also had the distinct impression of 'portholes' - glowing red (like traffic lights) and I think it was the perspective of the portholes that made me think the craft was not completely round. (My companion did not see the curve of the 'portholes' or the thin ray of light that remained at the base of the machine but his eyes were not as good as mine.)

At the end of the craft was a very thin, perpendicular ray of light which remained in the rear even when the craft was moving. This ray of light was a yellowish-white colour. The great white light had completely disappeared when the object finally left at great speed. Once it sped away, it was like a flash of light - too fast to follow. The movement of the craft was like a flat spiral, each rotation taking in a little more space as it gathered speed.

The object, which appeared to be dark grey metal, was extremely large. It was shaped like a huge flattened cotton-reel, probably a little more oval than round, but that could have been an optical illusion. The movement was in the shape of a flattened spring.

My friend, who is a down-to-earth ex-RAF pilot said, "I suppose we have been looking at a UFO", and suggested that as an artist, I should immediately draw what I had seen. The next day my friend phoned and urged me to contact the Press. I did not do so. Thinking about the event, I must stress that I felt no fear or any kind of threat from the craft, whatever it was! Only a strong interest and intense observation on their part. I cannot explain how I know this, but I do.

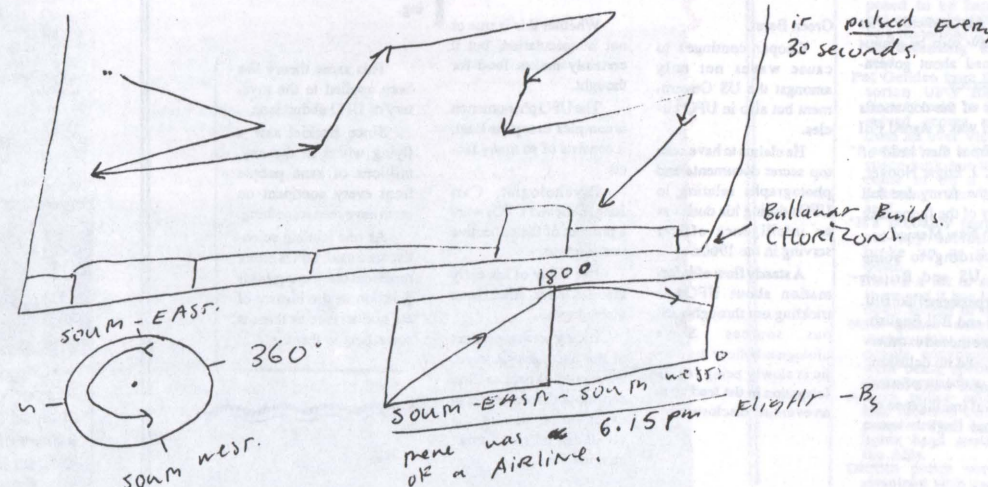
I am a sceptical, analytical person with a photographic memory and an open mind. After the sighting, I spent the night in amazement at what I'd seen and the certain knowledge that UFOs exist.



# Australian Sighting Reports

## Report from Ballarat - Victoria.

7th July, 1992 - 5 pm to 6.05 pm. Observed 5 minutes heading south-east to south-west. No sound. Weather - cold and clear. Its size: about the size of a star. Colour - red and pulsed every 30 seconds. Sketch below.





# Where do they come from?

Where do they come from and why are they here?

These are two common questions surrounding the UFO phenomenon. These questions of course assume the phenomenon exists.

Mysterious lights in the skies are not new to Katherine or the Territory for that matter.

UFOs have been sighted in most Territory centres, unfortunately many sightings go unreported.

Only a week ago numerous sightings were reported to police and RAAF Base Tindal.

Residents claimed seeing orange ovoid shaped lights in the night sky. Lights that omitted no sound and appeared to be controlled.

There is a rumour the

sightings were a prank.

RAAF Base Tindal's Wing Commander, Tony Behn, was unaware of the base receiving any calls.

However, he said the objects could not be RAAF planes because they were in Singapore at the time.

He said the RAAF investigated UFO sightings that were very good, but said he had not heard of any recent reports.

He said people could ring the RAAF if they had such a sighting.

A Katherine couple who wish to remain unnamed, had a UFO experience they will not forget for a long time. The most important aspect of this sighting was that it was made during daylight

hours.

About eight years ago one evening before dark they were driving into their property when they saw an ovoid shaped object as big as a plane and on the opposite side of the road. Their children also saw the object.

The family continued to have sightings every year and were adamant the objects were not planes.

The couple took heart in Katherine's most recent sightings.

"At least we're not imagining these things, even the RAAF radar didn't seem to pick these most recent sightings up."

While they were sure the objects were not planes, they didn't draw any conclusions about their experience.

Remember that UFO does not necessarily mean extraterrestrial origin, it simply means the object is unidentified.

The extraterrestrial hypothesis is simply one theory among a multitude of explanations from the sublime to the ridiculous.

These have included everything from swamp gas to temperature inversions.

Unfortunately much of society has dismissed the UFO subject without lifting a book or journal about it.

If people believe the authorities dismiss UFOs they are truly mistaken.

Since the 1950s the United States Government and its various agencies including the CIA, the Secret Service and the Air Force have studied the phenomenon with more than a casual interest.

Many UFO sightings can be easily explained, but there are a number which former Project Blue Book officers could not explain.

Blue Book was a group established by the Air Force in the 1960s to collect and investigate UFO sightings. Much of Blue Book's findings were publicly released.

However, speaking from a comfortable distance of more than 20 years, former Blue Book officials have admitted Blue Book was an Air Force debunking exercise. The best sightings were dismissed and files often went missing.

These 'unknowns' worried the Air Force.

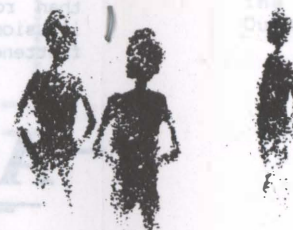
There have also been numerous scientists and officials with a keen interest in the subject including astronomy professor and NASA/Air Force adviser, the late Professor J. Allen Hynek (coined the close encounter terms), Nuclear Physicist, Stanton Friedman and Senator Barry Goldwater.

Goldwater once tried to gain access to the 'Blue Room' at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton Ohio, only to be told most emphatically 'no'.

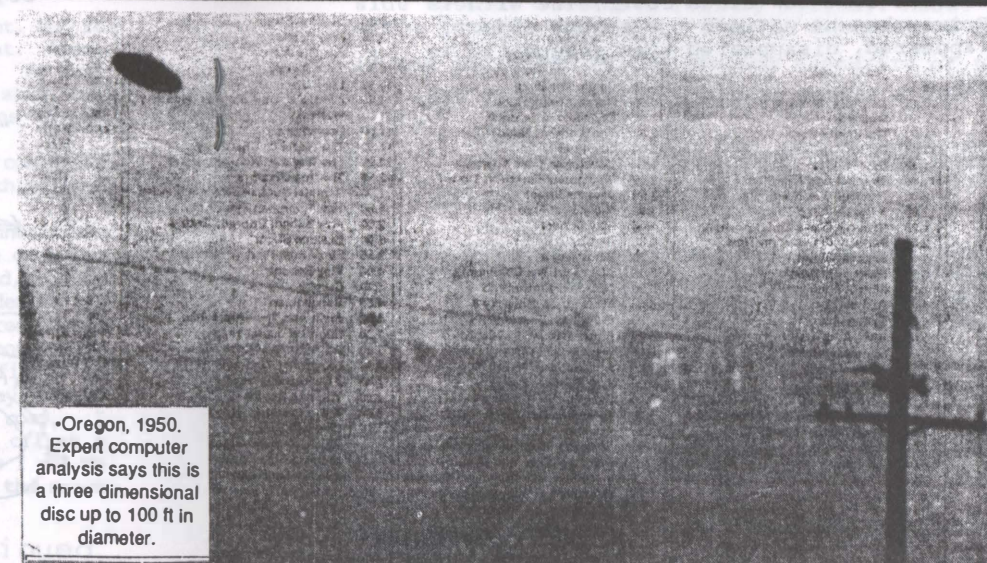
Wright Field, as it was formerly known, is legendary in UFO circles as the storage centre for the remnants of a crashed UFO and its occupants found in Roswell New Mexico in 1947.

It is a fact that there are numerous secret files on UFOs kept in that country since the Truman era.

The less dramatic files have recently been released, albeit sanitised, under the Freedom of Information Act.



UFO abduction reports have come from every continent in the world.



Oregon, 1950. Expert computer analysis says this is a three dimensional disc up to 100 ft in diameter.

## UFOs spotted above Alawa

Some Alawa residents believe they sighted unidentified flying objects on Friday night.

John Middlemiss was feeding his baby when he went outside to look at a light drizzle which fell about midnight on Friday.

"I looked up at the clouds and I saw three really bright lights," Mr Middlemiss said.

"They were in a straight line and I ran inside and woke up my wife and a friend of ours to come out and have a look."

"They were moving in different directions and at different times. It lasted about four or five minutes and then they disappeared one by one."

Fred Brooks, who also saw the lights, said they appeared to be coming from an easterly direction.

"They looked like weather balloons, they were in a southern cross pattern - one at the top, one at the bottom and the other off to the right in the centre."

"I took some photos of them but unfortunately, all I photographed was the top of the trees."

By a STAFF REPORTER

Glenda Middlemiss said she noticed two different lights in the object that was floating at the top of the others.

"None of us have seen anything like it - they moved off in different directions, at different speeds and virtually disappeared into nothing."

An Air Traffic Controller spokesman said there were no aircraft in the area at midnight or just after.

Another Alawa resident also reported seeing the lights, the spokesman said.

A Weather Bureau spokesman said weather balloons, which were mistaken for UFOs earlier this week, were released at 8 pm and 2 am.

A RAAF Base spokesman said there was no record of lights or sightings recorded in the log book from Friday night.

## Lights spark UFO fear

By SCOTT GULLAN and PAUL ANDERSON

UFOs, meteors or space junk?

That's the question hundreds of space watchers were asking last night when balls of flame were seen hurtling across the skies of Victoria and southern NSW.

Dozens of people alerted the Herald-Sun after seeing the strange phenomenon about 9.30 pm.

One caller from Moe said he thought the lights were a satellite breaking up.

"Half the sky was lit up for about four or five seconds with the mystery object," he said.

Another caller from Laverton said he saw four lights that he couldn't explain.

"There was a yellow orange light with three smaller lights behind it," he said.

"It all lasted for about five seconds and the lights were really moving and leaving a jet stream behind them."

A spokesman for the weather bureau said they also received many calls about the mystery lights.

"There is nothing meteorological supposed to be happening but my guess is it would be a meteorite or a satellite breaking up," he said.

Pat Geldea from the Victorian UFO Research Society said he had received scores of calls from all over Victoria.

"I estimate it is probably space junk but it didn't come in on a normal pattern," Mr Geldea said.

"It's probably part of an old spy satellite that broke up as it came down."

"There's a lot of stuff up there and it has to come down sooner or later."

NSW police were inundated with calls from people convinced they were being spooked by extra-terrestrials.

Albury police said they also received calls from people who saw the lights head south over the Alps. Griffith police were also swamped with calls.

## From Column 5.

mation Act, and only after major law suits by groups concerned about government secrecy.

One of the documents released was a signed FBI memo from then head of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, asking the Army for full recovery of the flying disk found in New Mexico.

According to some former US and British military personnel like Bill Cooper and Bill English, UFOs are indeed extraterrestrial, and no delusion.

Cooper was a former US naval intelligence officer and English was a

Green Beret.

Cooper continues to cause waves not only amongst the US Government but also in UFO circles.

He claims to have seen top secret documents and photographs relating to UFOs during his duties as an intelligence officer serving in the 1960s.

A steady flow of information about UFOs is trickling out through various sources. Some ufologists believe the public is slowly being fed information in the lead up to an eventual disclosure.

Whether this is true or not is speculation, but it certainly makes food for thought.

The UFO phenomenon is complex to say the least, it consists of so many facets.

Psychologist, Carl Jung, believed UFOs were a product of the collective unconscious.

But many of his early theories have since been discredited.

If they were a product of the unconscious mind, we would expect to find enormous discrepancies in experiences, due to the vividness of the human imagination.

This same theory has been applied to the mystery of UFO abductions.

Since Ezekiel saw a flying wheel in the sky, millions of sane people from every continent on earth have seen something.

As one leading scientist once said, UFOs either represent the greatest mass delusion in the history of the human race or there is something to them.



# Australian Sighting Reports

## UFO SIGHTINGS FROM PERTH - W.A.

from Hannah Wolfe.

5th March - 8.30 pm.

UPDATE FEB/MARCH 1992

Witness was heading north along Wanneroo Road when she noticed a bright white light to her right at about 45 degrees. It seemed to keep pace with her car. First impression was that it was the police helicopter, and gave it no further thought.

Turning left and heading west into Whitfords Avenue she was surprised to see an object almost directly in front and overhead of her vehicle. It was large and triangular shaped with a white light at the apex of each triangle. Off centre (more towards the rear two white lights) shone a green light. No sound was heard. The object was estimated to be thirty centimeters at arms length and seemed to just vanish.

10th March - 11 pm

Witnesses were heading north along Kingsley Drive when they noticed in front of them at about 30deg. a red and green light close together. The lights suddenly separated then shot back together. These manoeuvres were repeated several times. What surprised the couple most was to see another pair of lights doing the same thing some distance beyond the first pair. Total time of sighting, about 30 seconds.

20th March - 7 pm.

At the time of the sighting there was some low cloud cover. The witness was travelling along Glengary Drive when he noticed '...a huge object, round, with a bluish tinge. It appeared, disappeared then reappeared to head SSW at tremendous speed.' The witness estimated its size like a saucer at arm's length and 45 deg. elevation.

20th March - 7 pm.

Mr. was travelling south along the West Coast Highway when at 7pm he noticed directly south a brilliant light with a pale greenish colour. When first observed the huge light was stationary behind cloud and appeared to flicker. Elevation was 70 - 80 deg. and the size a hand-span at arm's length. It shot off at tremendous speed in a SSW direction. The witness is convinced it was not a meteorite. He had had a previous sighting of four (4) silver disc-like objects performing aerobatics over Subiaco (Bagot Road) in daytime in the early Sixties. These discs flew out of sight in formation. (no further details known. - BR)

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# Sighting Reports continued

Date of Sighting: believed to be Friday 20th March 1992

and friend were travelling south in the Kwinana region when they saw a large luminous object, with a blue-green tinge moving at great speed from east to west.

It may be assumed that this is the same object as seen by witnesses No. 4 and No.3.

At 12.15 pm on the 16th March 1992 (Monday) the witness was driving in the Kelvin and Chitterbrook Road area, Kalamunda when he saw two metallic grey discs travelling low and fast from west to east. In fact they were so low (tree-top height) that he thought they were going to crash. No sound was heard. First impressions were that they were jet trainers (RAAF) but the absence of any protuberances and the disc shapes precluded this idea. Duration of sighting: 5 - 6 seconds.

Date: Sunday, 5th April 1992 7.25pm

Mr. and Mrs. were indoors when their attention was brought to a bright orange light falling on the patio outside. Puzzled by this odd illumination, they went to investigate. Above them at an indeterminate height was a bright round orange object. Almost directly overhead, this orange 'UFO' was moving in a NW direction with strange unfamiliar erratic side to side movements (wobbly motion). About the size of a 20c piece at arm's length, the object rapidly disappeared from view to the NW.

(I was impressed by the obvious sincerity of the witness)

Date: 10.30pm 9th April 1992

Witness who seems to have many 'sightings' almost daily phoned at 11pm to report a large bright white 'ball' heading west towards the ocean at speed. It appeared to be only 200m up and left a glowing tail over a mile long. The 'ball' in front of the trace was about the size of a 20c piece at arm's length.

Brian

Brian Richards/UFORUM

10th April 1992



# Sighting Reports

Typed copy of some reports from UFO REPORT UPDATE APRIL/MAY 1992, W.A. (The reports are phoned in to Brian Richards of our Uforum group)

Witness telephoned on 13th May 1992 to report unusual ground marks (double rings) which she first found in June 1991 and re-photographed in March 1992. The circles, near Augusta appear to have changed little in one year, and vegetation seems sparse in the area. The circles are about 50ft. across. Further investigation is needed and witness will re-visit the area in July to collect data and try to establish a rational explanation.

(witnesses in following were one woman and two men)

On Thursday 21 May 1992 the three witnesses were travelling by car heading north towards Tom Price. At about 9.30pm some thirty kilometers from their destination they noticed ahead of them but to the right some unusual lights. These appeared to be about half to one kilometer into the bush, were white and very bright. Witnesses estimated about thirty lights in a row along an oval shape. The object was estimated to be about thirty feet in length. Nearby was a second object about one third size of the first, also illuminated.

The woman witness was emphatic that there were no tracks into the bush in this area (dense spinifex). Oddly enough they had just discussed (prior to the sighting; a desire to see a UFO. The woman had had an interesting 'UFO experience' when she was 11, nine years earlier. Further investigation is required here.

## 'UFO not a burning bag'

A BERKELEY Vale woman has discounted claims that a mystery object she saw at Yarramalong last Thursday was simply a burning garbage bag.

Jackie Duncan was still a little overcome this week after seeing the object about 6pm while driving on the Yarramalong Rd.

Her son, Tim, 5, first drew her attention when he said: "There is a spaceship."

She said she pulled over and joined another motorist who was also watching it.

She said she saw a large, round, dark superstructure with a glow underneath.

She watched it for about four minutes and

then drove away, and a minute later her son said: "There is a parachute landing."

She again stopped, thinking it might have been a hot-air balloon in trouble.

Mrs Duncan said she rang the police from a neighboring home.

Police queried her on the incident but found nothing after a spotlight search of trees and neighboring paddocks, she said.

Mrs Duncan said suggestions that the unidentified object was a burning garbage bag filled with gas did not make sense, because it would have burnt itself out quickly and would not have been visible for about eight minutes, moving slowly.

OCTOBER 1, 1992

Security guard, BP reported two red lights over Broken Hill, NSW at 7.12 pm. The lights sped overhead at very fast speed towards the east. He estimated the lights were 1 km apart, in formation, one behind the other. Between the red lights were four smaller white lights in straight line behind each other. The smaller white lights merged into one and disappeared. The two red lights sped east and disappeared over the horizon. The time of the sighting was entered in his Company's log book.

About the same time that night, a commercial pilot, who was in Broken Hill, reported two red objects which he, at first thought to be experimental high tech aircraft flying at high speed and very low, toward the east. He expected them to circle and land at the airport. Instead, they disappeared over the horizon. Apparently this was after the merging four lights had disappeared. The pilot told researcher Paul Norman, the objects were definately not space junk or meteorites.

The following two reports were made at approximately the same time.

RD. of Broken Hill, saw four white lights all in a line, speeding towards the east.

And

WB. of Broken Hill, saw four white lights in formation ones behind the other, all speeding to the east.

Same date - 1/10/92 - About 7.30 pm BC. who was 40 kms north of White Cliffs NSW, reported seeing an 'arrowhead' formation of seven lights - 3 in front of 4 - flying from the direction of Broken Hill, speeding in the direction of Sydney (east). The sighting lasted about 20 seconds and were witnessed by four people - no sound, no blinking lights. The light seemed to be chasing each other.

About 7.30 pm BC. Witness was photographing the moon when suddenly a 'strange' object came into his lens view. It was shaped 'like an egg in a cup', a bit off centre, with a yellow base.

7.30 p.m. At a sheep station near MOOTWINGEE, 200 Kms from Broken Hill, a gathering of 67 exchange students and teachers witnessed 4 white lights speeding N - NE across the sky. The students described what they saw as being like a 'train in the sky'. 7 pm. A motorist approaching Broken Hill about 10 kms out, witnessed lights. The driver stopped the car and watched the lights. A passenger who was with the driver, saw an 'orange ball' followed by a group of lights speeding west to east. The driver had seen min-min lights before, but these did not resemble anything he knew.

About 9.30 pm PB was driving between Wilcannia toward Broken Hill when he saw a large white light with red light beams shining towards the ground.

A total of 25 separate reports were received by Paul Norman, Sam Dorist and Lisa, who reported these lights and/or objects. The R.A.A.F had F111 Air Craft over NSW the same night, but all were flying 30,000 feet to the west.

All reports, some of which had occurred over the past few years, are being further investigated.



from \*Hannah Wolfe.

BROOME UFO

Report from North West Australia of an object sighted by many witnesses (at least 37) about end of July.

A member of UFORUM saw an article in the West Australian and phoned one of the witnesses, the Manager of a pearl farm north of Broome. He and his wife had both seen the object when they were fishing near their home on the waterfront.

At about 8.20 they saw a silver, bright white object shaped like a crescent or quarter moon flew over. It was about five times the size of the moon. The points or apexes of the crescent faced backwards. The object was shimmering as if it had a mist around it. Above the noise of their generator the witnesses could hear a droning sound.

There were more sightings in the area.

An astronomer from the Perth Observatory Peter Birch said that the object would have been space junk or a barium cloud. Our member explained to him why it could not have been a barium cloud, one reason being that the shape was quite wrong for a barium cloud. Peter of the Observatory said the witnesses must have been mistaken. Our member pointed out that if the witnesses were giving evidence in a court because they had seen a murder what they had seen would be accepted as true.

Channel 7 asked our member to talk on their news programme and came to interview him. He was interviewed for eight minutes but in the news broadcast this was cut down to 30 seconds. The report presented by Channel 7 was not in depth, it was sensationalised. Nothing of significance that our member had said was included. This broadcast was last Tuesday. The Chairman for Uforum wrote to Channel 7 to complain about this.

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Of the other reports there was one from Sunday Island. The witness saw the object at about 8.10 and it appeared like a pencil shape. It followed the contours of the hills on the island, then shot off vertically and disappeared.

A witness between Parabadu and Tom Price saw the object a little earlier in the evening, about 7. He described it as silvery grey and shimmering as if it were encased in shock waves. This witness immediately jumped into his four wheel drive and drove to the town to telephone a report on it.

At 8.10 in Nullagine two witnesses in Nullagine reported a bluish object hovering 90 to 100 yards away. It shot upwards and disappeared. A large number of other witnesses also saw it. The direction of the object was reported by many to have been SSW to NNE or SW to NE.

The object was also seen from the beach between Broome and Port Hedland. Names and addresses of at least 30 witnesses have been collected.

CENTRAL COAST EXPRESS 10/7/92

**Bizarre light sightings continue along coast**

REPORTS of UFO sightings keep flying in. A "huge red light" was seen at 8.20pm on July 4 by Mrs Marjorie Howard of Long Jetty.

"It was to the north-east over Norah Head," she said.

"It was like a huge carrier, very long with no hum, no sound."

She said the night was very calm and the moonlight was bright.

"I am not young, 72, but I have got a very level head."

"It didn't frighten me but it was unexplainable."

"You couldn't look into the light, it was so bright."

"It wasn't travelling very fast, dipping and waving over Norah Head."

Wednesday's *Central Coast Express* reported several sightings of strange lights from Bateau Bay and Copacabana in the past week.



NASA's 10-year search for extra terrestrials has cost \$100 million dollars to build radio telescopes world wide.

It's a waste of taxpayers money searching for something NASA knows exists.

With reports of people having had close encounters of the third kind and of UFOs landing on earth, surely it must know we are not alone in the universe.

ET, I know you're out there

It will give all those astronomers work for the next 10 years, but with little reward in return.

There is no doubt in my mind we are not alone. The universe is

probably populated with billions of ET. All we need is a spaceship capable of travelling at the speed of light to find them.

Instead of wasting \$100 million searching for them, NASA should be looking for meteorites on a collision course with Earth and working on a way to prevent disaster destroying the boulders in space. — Mr Peter Willis St Kil

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On the Friday (16th Oct) I had 6 'phone calls describing the same type of report - 8 pm or a little after DB said an orange light, the size of the evening star was observed for a while, was stationary, then disappeared. 9pm an object came from S-N, appeared to be over the city and 'got smaller' as it flew away. It was too fast to be an aircraft.

At 8,30 pm LG said her daughter reported three lights, two of which merged together then seemed to disappear and came back again. At 9.15 she herself observed a star-sized light which appeared to be quite low and after 30 seconds it started to rise and disappear.

AT 8.30 pm. JR reported she watched three lights, like little stars - the night was very cloudy and the lights were under the clouds for the whole period of the observation. One was well to the rear of the other two which maneuvered and faded, but through binoculars one appeared to have lights or 'dots' around it.

8.30 Ringwood. MH stated a light appeared to come from the horizon, split up, no sound, went straight up to the clouds came down again; two went in the direction of Melbourne (NW) and the other went towards the NE. They were 'heaps larger than a star, very orange in color with red rim'.

About 9 pm- HB observed a light, 4 times as large as a star, come from SE towards the city, bright orange, no sound, not a helicopter. Witness 'phoned control at Tullamarine, but it did not show up on radar.

9,25 pm. one light, bright orange like the end of a cigarette, was large then became smaller - was under the clouds - about 500 feet, hovered, then appeared to come closer to witness, went up into the clouds.

There was also a report from a Brighton (Vic.) lady, who saw a bright object move from under the cloud bank, up into the clouds, down again then disappear up into the clouds.

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The May 1954 issue of TRUE Magazine carries a lengthy article by Capt. Edward E. Ruppelt, in which the former head of the Blue Book Project discusses the accomplishments and official position of the Air Force at that time (Ref. 1). While the bulk of the paper discusses incidents for which a mundane solution had been found, it also contains summaries of "some of the cases that the project was unable to crack". Of the seven sightings presented by Capt. Ruppelt, the last one has particular interest and will be analyzed here.

On February 16, 1953 a C-47 piloted by Major J.H. Lemon and carrying Capt. E.S. Cramer as instructor-pilot was east of Fire Island and south of Anchorage over the mouth of Turnagain Arm. The local time was approximately 23:50 and weather conditions were CAVU. The plane was at 2000 ft. and heading NE at 120-150 knots.

Capt. Cramer was the first to notice a round red light at 10 o'clock, moving on a course roughly parallel to that of the aircraft with a 300 knot estimated speed. Had it been the running lights of an aircraft, the color should have been green corresponding to the right side of a plane. The light was at this point definitely below the horizon at an altitude of 1000 ft., at a distance of about 5 miles, moving on a straight path and climbing to 2000 ft. It increased in brilliance, until it was 2 or 3 times its initial size. Then it seemed to stop and hovered for 5 minutes.

The tower at Elmendorf AFB (next to Anchorage) indicated that there were no other craft in the area, and made a radar check with negative results. As no jet aircraft was available, the tower authorized the C-47 to attempt an intercept. This was done on a 345 heading, at 150 knots, but as the C-47 took up the chase the light appeared to accelerate, decreased in size, changing to a bright red color, and disappeared in 45 seconds on a 270-290 course.

Although the C-47 circled the area north of Elmendorf AFB for several minutes, the light did not reappear. The incident lasted 15 minutes, during which time the observers did not lose sight of the light.

Altogether, the case has a low information content, and seems rather uninteresting: just another low-altitude night light, whose only claim to fame is that it apparently dodged the approaching C-47. What, then, makes this case different? Two things deserve discussion.

The first is the changing posture of Capt. Ruppelt. Why did he include this incident in his article for TRUE? Perhaps because at the time he wrote (probably in early 1954), the case had not yet been officially debunked. From the information in the Blue Book files (Ref. 2), which contains detailed depositions of the two pilots, it is obvious that the light had not been explained. In a report dated 20 Feb.

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1953 and signed by Robert M. Gallant, 2nd Lt., Combat Intelligence Officer, the incident is rated B-6, and we are told that the two pilots were "very reliable". The report was approved by John S. Masterson, Major USAF, Director of Intelligence; and if taken at face value, one can rule out as possible explanations: aircraft (none in the area, no radar returns), weather balloons (none launched), and astronomical bodies (below horizon). In short, the case at this point was "unidentified" and Capt. Ruppelt was correct to include it in the TRUE article.

Capt. Ruppelt also reported a similar incident taking place the following night (17 Feb. 1953) at Elmendorf AFB, and witnessed by five members of the 39th Air Police Squadron, who were not aware of the previous night's events. This second incident also appears in the Blue Book files.

The February 17th incident is weaker than the first one, and has interest only as an apparent confirmation. It, the light, described in similar terms as on the previous night, may or may not have been the same. Once again, the light did not do much, except quickly move vertically up when the jet attempting an intercept came closer. Any astronomical explanation for that night is untenable as the overcast was solid. The Blue Book rating for this case is poor (F-6), but it was initially listed as "unexplained". A detailed description of this incident can be found in Ref. 3.

And we have arrived at the most interesting anomaly. The initial edition of Capt. Ruppelt's book (Ref. 4) was published in 1956, and the manuscript was probably completed before July 1955, the date appearing in the Foreword. Thus, the article in TRUE predates the book, but in the intervening years something happened, because the two cases we are discussing do not appear in the book (or at least, I couldn't locate them). Moreover, since Capt. Ruppelt left the Air Force in May 1954 (Ref. 5) his article for TRUE had an official blessing. Then, why were those two trivial but unexplained cases not included in Ruppelt's famous book?

As far as I know, the incidents under consideration have never been discussed anywhere in the literature, and what brought them to my attention was the apparent discordance in Ruppelt's writings. Then, of course, the thing to do was to search the Blue Book files (Ref. 2). What is found there is the second point deserving attention.

In the official files, each case is preceded by a card that summarizes the incident, in which the most important entry is the final conclusion. Such explanations are also listed in the general index, and may or may not be in agreement with the body of the report. Those cards carry a logo at the bottom indicating their printing date, which for the cases under discussion happens to be Sept. 1963. Therefore, the incidents were re-evaluated on or after that date, i.e., during the rule of Major Quintanilla. Those were the years of retrenching, when the main aim was to reduce the number of unknowns by hook or crook.

And what do we find now? Well, the 16 February 1953 case has been changed to "Astro (VEGA)", and we are told that "An attempt to pick up object by radio (sic) was made with negative results. Probable refraction (sic) of star Vega." The fact that the deposition of the pilots specifically rules out astronomical explanations because the light was below the horizon, as pointed out by Ruppelt, did not deter the unknown writer from leaving his mark on the files. As for the specific selection of Vega, it was almost forced, as it was the only first magnitude star in the approximate area of the sky. Unfortunately, whoever wrote this nonsense was not very knowledgeable about astronomical matters, as Vega is pale sapphire in color, and not the bright red reported by the pilots.

In the summary card for the 17 February 1953 incident the conclusion reads: "Balloon. Sighting resembles balloon launch observation". The key word here is "resembles", because nothing in the file hints at a balloon, and in fact, the sudden vertical departure rules it out. And the body of the report still indicates that "the light remains unidentified".

It is remarkable that the revised explanations for both incidents are the only ones that are virtually impossible. Is there a message? Worth noting is that clippings of Ruppelt's article in TRUE appear pasted at the appropriate places in the official files.

The result of all this is that two apparently trivial cases of night lights have become significant, as they verify the techniques used during the Sixties by the Blue Book Project to reduce the number of unknowns at any cost. It reveals how simply the change of status was done, by just writing a new summary card. The content of each report, on which the evaluation is presumably based, remains the same, with no additions or changes, as any reader can see for himself. For the particular incidents discussed here, the proof of the manipulation is absolute, as Ruppelt's article in TRUE documents the initial --and correct-- evaluation based on the available data. One can speculate that the cases were omitted in Ruppelt's book to avoid the more permanent dissemination of embarrassing information.

These incidents demonstrate once again that the purpose of Blue Book was not to find a solution to the UFO problem, but to mitigate the potential damage by debunking the cases and ridiculing the witnesses. In the case of Air Force personnel, this presented a challenge, demanding the finding of an explanation no matter how farfetched, short of accusing the pilots of incompetence or worse. Not that this was not done as a last resort, as in the Tonopah, Nevada case on November 23, 1957.

Dr. Willy Smith  
UNICAT Project  
September 10, 1992



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# 'I've seen them . . .'

WHEN you're out and about today, bear in mind that the person standing next to you could well be a tourist from . . . another planet.

Californian UFO expert Glenn Steckling firmly believes people from this and other solar systems walk among us gathering information. They do not reveal themselves most of the time for fear of causing panic and leaving themselves open to danger.

But Mr Steckling, an airline pilot who visited Brisbane to meet other UFO experts, says he has met several in his time. Anyone can, he says - it's just a question of attitude.

For a start, don't expect an extra-terrestrial being to look any different from you.

"Research has shown that our solar system is formed out of the same components, so why should we think the moment we step off our Earth and into the cosmos, all those principles should go out of the window?" Mr Steckling says.

"Life created from basically the same conditions is going to look pretty similar, so it's wrong to think everything else should be so bizarre."

Mr Steckling, 33, is the son of prominent UFO expert and author Fred Steckling, who died last year.

He has seen several beings from other planets in his time.

"I saw them as a child with my parents, and I've seen them mingling with the crowds at

talks and conventions," he says.

"Occasionally, they will speak up during a debate and inject some thought or information to send us in the right direction - a little bit like tutelage."

Mr Steckling says he has been made aware of an identification word as a way of recognising extra-terrestrial beings.

"I have seen demonstrations which prove they're from another planet. For example, they have a small mechanical device they use to bend light rays, effectively making them, or other objects, invisible," he says.

But most of the time, Mr Steckling relies on instinctive feeling. He also has advice on what to do if an extra-terrestrial makes itself known to you.

"I would be very respectful and very aware - I would not want to give away that type of confidence to put them in danger," he says.

Mr Steckling says he wouldn't take a picture of an extra-terrestrial visitor because it would blow its cover and leave it prey to the "shoot it and put it in a test tube" mentality.

He added: "Even if I did take a picture it would just look like a man in the street."

Mr Steckling brought with him lots of photographic evidence of UFO sightings from all over the world. These include NASA photographs of unexplained lights and vehicle marks on the surface of the moon.

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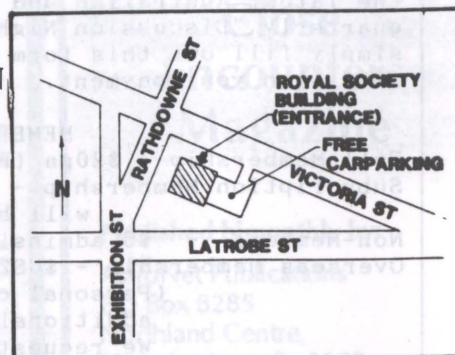
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## 1957

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The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

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